MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST PLAN REVISION



The Forest will evaluate the acceptability of lands on the Manti-La Sal NF for

further consideration for coal leasing through the following steps during the plan revision process (per 43 CFR 3420).

Timeline

Coal Evaluation Process

Forest Plan Process

Nov/Dec 2016

1. Identify areas that have coal development potential as defined by the Bureau of Land Management

Forest Planning Assessment Phase





Feb/Mar 2017

2. Apply Unsuitability Criteria for Coal Mining identified in 43 CFR 3461 to the lands identified to have coal development potential.

Development of the Draft Forest Plan - Public Meetings

Apr/May 2017

3. Evaluate lands with coal development potential for other resource values that may be locally, regionally or nationally important, or unique, and are not included in the Unsuitability Criteria

Late Summer 2017

4. Develop guidelines for protection of nonmineral resources (i.e. stipulations) for lands that will be carried forward for further consideration for coal leasing, and develop guidelines (i.e. conditions for use and protection of non-mineral resources) for coal exploration activities.

Forest **Planning NEPA Process** (EIS)